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PUBLICITY FOR ST. JOHN

The Maritime Merchant says:—"If there is one thing we, as a people, are doing in the Maritime provinces, it is in taking advantage of opportunities to make ourselves better known to the rest of the world. About the only place we know of in the provinces that has shown some marked evidence of life in this regard is the city of St. John. But the rest of the country not only does not make any organized effort to advertise itself, but seems to be more or less indifferent about getting publicity—that is, indifferent as compared with the people of the western provinces and the United States."

A PROTECTIONIST MOVE

A Montreal despatch to the Ottawa Journal, Conservative, says that La Patrie is about to pass under the control of a group of Conservatives, including H. B. Ames, M. P., D. Lorne McGibbon and others, acting for Hon. Robert Rogers, and that the deal will go through on Jan. 1st. This lends interest to the following paragraph from the Toronto Globe:—"The protected interests of Canada are determined to entrench themselves at Ottawa, and to secure still more favors if money can do it. Their present plan is apparently to secure control of as many Liberal or independent newspapers as they possibly can. Newspaper proprietors, who often have a struggle in such places as Montreal, are naturally ready to sell when a good price is offered. Hon. Robert Rogers has engineered a scheme which has got the 'protected interests' ready to hand over any amount of money to him to buy up the controlling interests in certain papers. In this way the government forces have, it is reported, been strengthened by purchase of stock of two newspapers—The Montreal Herald, formerly Liberal, and La Patrie, Independent-Liberal, owned by the family of the late Hon. J. Israel Tarte. It is evident that a great campaign is planned for higher protection."

TAX REFORM

The tax reformers of Ontario are determined to impress upon Sir James Whitney the need of a change in the assessment system in that province. Sir James has been steadily opposed to their proposals, and his dominating influence in the legislature has prevented that body from giving to the municipalities the power to exempt improvements, however much they may desire it. This week the war is being carried into Sir James Whitney's own constituency. A despatch from Montreal says:—"Mr. Stewart Muir, of Toronto, who contested Dundas county against Sir James Whitney in December last, and who is again the nominee of the Liberals of that county for the legislature, arrived in the provincial premier's constituency on Saturday to deliver a series of public addresses on the subject of tax reform. Mr. Muir made no reference to the premier or to political matters at his opening meeting in Williamsburg Saturday night. He appeared before a gathering of one hundred and fifty voters, nearly all farmers and many of them Conservatives, and was given a very attentive hearing as he spoke for an hour upon the need of changes in the method of taxation in this province. He held that land, the primary source of all wealth, should be taxed, not industry and improvements, and claimed that the assessment act as it today stands is playing a part in the depopulation of rural Ontario. Seven meetings will be held in the county by Mr. Muir, one in each of the townships and incorporated villages."

MORNING LOCALS

The two scows of the Maritime Dredging Company which went adrift a few days ago, were picked up by Mr. Harkins yesterday at Dipper Harbor. A meeting in the interests of good roads will take place this evening at 7:30 in Dean's Hall, Musquash. The arrangements for the meeting are under the auspices of the St. John City and County Good Roads Association, and the speakers who will go from this city are T. P. Regan, Percy W. Thomson and R. D. Paterson. Dennis Murphy, a coalman, complained of by Mrs. Martha Brown and her son John that he was given a \$10 bill in place of a \$1 bill, as far as was in the court again yesterday afternoon, and was dismissed as neither one of the complainants attended. George T. Fox, of Cleveland, Ohio, is at the Dufferin. Mr. Fox was a former resident of St. John, but has lived in the states for some forty years. Before leaving St. John he was engaged in the coast shipping business. He will spend Christmas in the city. Jesse Belding, who left Chance Harbor for St. John on Wednesday in his motor boat and for whom some fears were entertained, is safe in Musquash harbor, where he took shelter. Wm. McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Museum, delivered a lecture in the assembly room of the High School last evening on Labrador and Newfoundland. The next illustrated lecture of the Bickmore series will be on Jamaica and will be given on January 17.

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LIGHTER VEIN THE SUGAR TRUST

A sharp boy walked into a grocer's shop. "Please, sir," he said to the proprietor, "mother told me to ask you whether there is such a thing as a sugar trust?" "Of course there is," was the answer. "Well, then, mother wants to be trusted for two pounds."

GETTING UP

"I'm an thinking of getting myself up regardless of cost." "Indeed, I presume that you are going to make your tailor rich." "Nothing of the kind, I am going to buy one of those new five-dollar alarm clocks."

BENEATH THEM

Caller (in New York apartment house)—"Did Mr. and Mrs. Tremper ever live here?" Bellboy—"Does you 'member 'em, Sam?" Other Bellboy—"Yas. But they only had a bunk apartment. Us boys never reckoned 'em."—Puck.

TODD'S MISTAKE

"I tell you, Edgely," said Mr. Todd as they sat in the park. "The way women dress these days is absurd; And nine times out of ten it is the fault of the men. Just for instance, take that woman coming down the path. Some fool husband has told her she looks perfectly charming in that outrageous get-up, lacking the stamina to come right out blundering and tell her that she looks positively ridiculous."

GIVING NOTICE

A clergyman not long ago received the following notice regarding a marriage that was to take place at the parish church:—"This is to give you notice that I and Miss Jennie Arabella Grealy is comin' to your church on Saturday afternoon next to undergo the operation of matrimony at your hands. Please be prompt, as the cab is hired by the hour."

AS MOTHER USED TO DO

He criticized her paintings and found fault with all her work. He wished she'd make such biscuits as his mother used to make; She didn't wash the dishes, and she didn't make a stew. Nor even mend his stockings as his mother used to do.

Until she thought at length her time had come to take a rest;

And so one day, when he the same bargain went through, She just turned round and boxed his ears, as mother used to do.

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PARTY GONE: "RING OFF."

The telephone rang and she answered the call; He stood with his hat and his stick in the hall. He heard her say "Yes" and he heard her say "goose."

Then, after a pause, heard her say "O' great use."

He was an eavesdropper, but what could he do, When only the back of her neck was in view? He couldn't give warning that he was close by.

He just had to wait, as would you, or would I. "Yes, dear," she said next, "I'm expecting him now. Not quite that amount; oh, you did, did you? How? Perhaps you are jealous. You're not! I don't know."

He's the prize of the year, so I couldn't be slow. "Yes, father is willing, and mother is glad; She says I neglected the last chance I had. You haven't forgotten; well, I was a dunce. I won't let a good thing escape me then, once."

"Get used to his looks? There not really so bad. I don't have to kiss him. Oh, that's just a kid. She doesn't? Well, I always thought Bee was a goose. Why, as a protector I'll find him of use."

"Now, listen! I know what I'm talking about. He comes of the very best stock—yes no doubt, They all tried to get him; they hadn't a chance. I pulled a few wires before he left France."

The Count de la Pave turned pale where he stood. "Perdition!" he muttered, and took to the wood. For how could he know she was making report. To a friend of a costly French building she'd bought!

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